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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 1 May 1959

FROM : Chief, ~~Electronic Equipment~~ Branch, ORR

SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Report, April, 1959

1. Status of Branch Projects:

a) One Branch project (CIA/RR-59-10) was published during April, and three additional Branch projects (36.1556, 36.2065, 36.2378) were received in St/PB for editing.

b) Project 36.2376, "The Impact of Guided Missile Requirements on the Electronics Industry of the USSR."

25X1A9a Analyst: [REDACTED]
Due Date: Open

25X1A9a Work on this project is continuing at a reduced pace during the preparation of 1959 NIE contributions. [REDACTED] has
25X1A9a consulted periodically with [REDACTED] (I/GM) on US information available in GM. The information collected by I/GM tends to be too gross to meet the detailed requirements of this Branch.
25X1A9a [REDACTED] is examining ways to obtain more useful information. The external research contract on the B-200 SAM system has been approved by the Agency Review Board and contract negotiations are soon to begin. U.S. manufacturing data on the NIKE-Hercules were obtained. These data are still somewhat ambiguous because of the GFE problem and the manufacturers method of allocating tooling costs.

c) Project 36.2377, "Production and Utilization of Semi-conductors in the USSR."

25X1A9a Due D/I: 15 February 1959
Due St/PR: 15 April 1959 (Overdue)
Analyst: [REDACTED]

The review, editing, and typing load on the Branch during the past month prevented the completion of this project during April. The complete draft is still in the hands of the Branch Chief for review and some progress was made. Information reviewed during April will substantially improve (and confirm) the estimates contained in this report, but should not delay the report beyond the delay already imposed by the work load.

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2. Status of Support Projects:

- a) Project 30.2244, "Estimated Production of Specified Industries of Sino-Soviet Bloc, 1958 (USAF)", was completed during April. ✓
- b) Project 00.2108, "Economic Intelligence Statistical Handbook, 1959" was completed during April. ✓
- 25X1A9a c) One item of current support prepared by [REDACTED] was included in the OCI Current Intelligence Digest. ✓
- d) The Branch research effort during the months of April through June is heavily committed to the 1959 NIE contributions on Guided Missiles, Air Defense, Military Expenditures and overall Soviet Capabilities. This research is being conducted within the framework of the 1958 NIE contribution, oriented to refine last year's estimates in air defense electronics, ground force communications, radar, ground support missile equipment, and industrial electronics. Particular emphasis is being placed on the problem of re-equipment, retrofit, and depot spares. Research along these lines will help to refine the weaker segments of last year's contributions.

3. Changes in Estimates:

Confirmation was obtained during April of several important estimates concerning Soviet transistor production. This information was as a result of the US/USSR Exchange on Electronics Production Techniques. ✓

4. Relations With Other Components:

- a) The Proposed External Research Contact on the B-200 SAM Guidance and Control System was approved by the EIC and the Agency review authorities. ✓
- 25X1A9a b) [REDACTED] briefed the EIC Electronics and Telecommunications Subcommittee on the intelligence aspects of his recent visit to several USSR electronics installations. He has been requested to provide a similar briefing to the Electronics Subcommittee of the Scientific Intelligence Committee. ✓
- 25X1A9a [REDACTED] is presently preparing his trip report and is participating in the preparation of a joint team report with other members of the US Delegation.
- 25X1A9a c) A memorandum was forwarded to the Chief, Economic Research, recommending the establishment of an ORR ELINT Committee to study the possibilities of employing ELINT source material to greater ✓

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advantages in Economic Intelligence. The first meeting of this committee is to be held during the next few days to prepare ORR's contribution to the CIA statement of ELINT requirements being prepared by the Agency ELINT Staff Officer.

25X1A9a d) Branch requirements for use in briefing and debriefing US members of the US/USSR Exchange on Electronic Computers were forwarded to the Office of Operations. [REDACTED] also travelled to New York to brief the head of the U.S. Delegation.

25X1A9a e) [REDACTED] participated in an Agency sponsored tour of communications and electronics installations in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York.

25X1A9a f) [REDACTED] visited [REDACTED] where he discussed substantive points of common interest with counterpart analysts. [REDACTED]
25X1X7 reviewed with [REDACTED] the conclusions of his recently published report on the Soviet Electronics Industry.

g) A memorandum on the status of training plans for the Branch was prepared and is being forwarded to Chief, Economic Research.

5. Future Plans

a) An extensive review of the GOCOM fact sheets in the electronics category is underway. Up to the present this has consisted largely of consultation with S/TD representatives. During the next few months the program will consume more time and will involve Branch rewriting of a number of the sheets.

25X1A9a b) It will be necessary for [REDACTED] to travel to New York during May to coordinate the final version of the team report on the US/USSR Electronics Exchange.

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